

# June 2014 Immigration Fraud Reading List

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## **Fraud Against Immigrants, Including the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL):**

- **June 11, 2014** - Caller posing as immigration agent scams Glendale man of \$11,500 (Glendale, CA)  
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-phone-scam-immigration-glendale-20140611-story.html>
- **June 5, 2014** - Phone scams target Latinos with threat of maiming family members (Salem, OR)  
[http://www.oregonlive.com/business/index.ssf/2014/06/phone\\_scams\\_target\\_latinos\\_wit.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/business/index.ssf/2014/06/phone_scams_target_latinos_wit.html)
- **May 29, 2014** - Immigrants often the target of scammers (Seattle, WA)  
[http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2023726240\\_sarahcolumn30xml.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2023726240_sarahcolumn30xml.html)
- **May 23, 2014** – Texas Attorney General’s Office Takes Legal Action to Stop Four Unauthorized Legal Services Operations in El Paso (El Paso, TX)  
<http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/oagnews/release.php?id=4742>  
<http://www.ktsm.com/news/texas-attorney-general%E2%80%99s-office-takes-legal-action-stop-four-unauthorized-legal-services-operat>
- **May 13, 2014** - A.G. Schneiderman Announces Arrest of President of Korean Social Service Center for Theft Scheme of Nearly \$800,000 from Immigrants Seeking Affordable Housing (New York, NY)  
<http://www.ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-schneiderman-announces-arrest-president-korean-social-service-center-theft-scheme>

## **Facilitators of Immigration Fraud:**

- **May 29, 2014** - Passport Office Worker Ordered to Prison for Passport Fraud (Houston, TX)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20May/140529%20-%20Churchwell.html>  
[http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/tomball/news/passport-office-worker-ordered-to-prison-for-passport-fraud/article\\_a521838e-e81d-11e3-832e-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/tomball/news/passport-office-worker-ordered-to-prison-for-passport-fraud/article_a521838e-e81d-11e3-832e-0019bb2963f4.html)  
<http://www.khou.com/news/crime/Houston-passport-official-gets-prison-for-fraud-261541891.html>
- **May 29, 2014** - Final Defendant in Sophisticated, Violent Fraudulent Document Ring Pleads Guilty to Racketeering and Money Laundering (Richmond, VA)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/vae/news/2014/05/20140529campuzanonr.html>  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1406/140602richmond.htm>

- **May 28, 2014** – Dallas police announce fake ID arrests, say suspects monitoring feds who were watching them (Dallas, TX)

<http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2014/05/dallas-police-announce-fake-id-arrests-say-suspects-monitoring-feds-who-were-watching-them.html/>

- **May 22, 2014** – Last defendant sentenced in Sacramento-area marriage fraud scheme (Sacramento, CA)

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140522sacramento.htm>

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/cae/news/docs/2014/2014\\_05/05-22-14Potepalov.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/cae/news/docs/2014/2014_05/05-22-14Potepalov.html)

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2014/05/22/3660433/citrus-heights-man-sentenced-to.html#storylink=cpy>

#### **Fraud by Individuals (or Businesses) for Their Own Benefit:**

- **June 13, 2014** – Feds drop marriage fraud case (Fort Lauderdale, FL)

[http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-06-13/news/fl-marriage-fraud-dropped-20140613\\_1\\_u-s-attorney-markus-fraud](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-06-13/news/fl-marriage-fraud-dropped-20140613_1_u-s-attorney-markus-fraud)

- **June 12, 2014** – Criminal Immigration Charges Brought Against Two Illegal Aliens (Scranton, PA)

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/pam/news/2014/combined\\_illegal\\_presence\\_06\\_12\\_14.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/pam/news/2014/combined_illegal_presence_06_12_14.html)

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1406/140611harrisburg2.htm>

- **June 4, 2014** - Tunisian train terror suspect pleads guilty to visa fraud charges (New York, NY)

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/crime/train-terror-suspect-pleads-guilty-visa-fraud-charges-article-1.1816341>

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/04/nyregion/tunisian-man-accused-last-year-of-terrorism-pleads-guilty-to-lesser-counts.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/04/nyregion/tunisian-man-accused-last-year-of-terrorism-pleads-guilty-to-lesser-counts.html?_r=0)

- **June 3, 2014** - 2 from Houston plead guilty to racketeering conspiracy in Chinese restaurant employment referrals (Beaumont, TX)

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1406/140603beaumont.htm>

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txe/News/2014/edtx-sun-060414.html>

- **May 29, 2014** – Five Individuals Charged In Manhattan Federal Court With Participating In Student Visa And Financial Aid Fraud Schemes (New York, NY)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/May14/VisaFraudArrestsPR.php>

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140530newyork2.htm>

<http://newsindiatimes.com/5-indians-charged-in-student-visa-and-financial-aid-fraud-scheme/>

<http://www.outlookindia.com/news/article/Five-Indians-Charged-With-Visa-Financial-Fraud-in-US/842471>

<http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/micropower-career-institute-officials-arrested-federal-authorities-say-1.8253568>

▪ **May 28, 2014** – Former Denver Woman Pleads Guilty to Charges Related To Identity Theft (Denver, CO)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/co/news/2014/may/5-28-14.html>

▪ **May 23, 2014** – Denver Man Who Lied About War Crimes He Committed In Ethiopia In Order To Come To The United States And Become A Citizen Sentenced To 22 Years In Federal Prison (Denver, CO)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/co/news/2014/may/5-23-14.html>

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140523denver.htm>

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/may/23/prosecutors-seek-long-sentence-for-ethiopian-guard/>

▪ **May 23, 2014** - Lebanese man convicted of attempted naturalization fraud (Detroit, MI)  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140523detroit.htm>

▪ **May 19, 2014** - Alaska woman arraigned on identity theft and immigration fraud charges (Anchorage, AK)  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1405/140519anchorage.htm>

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/ak/news/2014/May\\_2014/Maualuga%20Leaana.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/ak/news/2014/May_2014/Maualuga%20Leaana.html)

<http://www.ktva.com/woman-arraigned-for-identity-theft-passport-pfd-and-benefits-fraud-575/>

▪ **May 6, 2014** – Virginia Couple Pleads Guilty to Immigration Charges for Harboring Domestic Servant in Their Home (Washington, DC)  
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/May/14-crt-477.html>

<http://www.fbi.gov/washingtondc/press-releases/2014/virginia-couple-pleads-guilty-to-immigration-charges-for-harboring-domestic-servant-in-their-home>

#### **Other Matters:**

▪ **June 9, 2014** - Bill targets fake employment agencies preying on immigrants (Albany, NY)  
<http://www.legislativegazette.com/Articles-Top-Stories-c-2014-06-09-88200.113122-Bill-targets-fake-employment-agencies-preying-on-immigrants.html>

▪ **June 6, 2014** – Justice Department and CNCS Announce New Partnership to Enhance Immigration Courts and Provide Critical Legal Assistance to Unaccompanied Minors (Washington, DC)  
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/June/14-ag-609.html>

<http://news.yahoo.com/u-start-legal-aid-program-immigrant-children-195129297.html>

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/07/us/us-to-provide-lawyers-for-children-facing-deportation.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/07/us/us-to-provide-lawyers-for-children-facing-deportation.html?_r=0)

▪ **June 2, 2014** - GAO Report: Pervasive Passport Fraud Not Identified, but Cases of Potentially Fraudulent and High-Risk Issuances Are under Review (Washington, DC)

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-222> (Highlights)

<http://www.gao.gov/assets/670/662921.pdf> (Report)

<http://www.startribune.com/local/261753421.html>

▪ **May 13, 2014** – Interpol allows AirAsia to directly check passports

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/05/13/interpol-airasia-malaysia-passport-fraud-missing-flight/9039139/>